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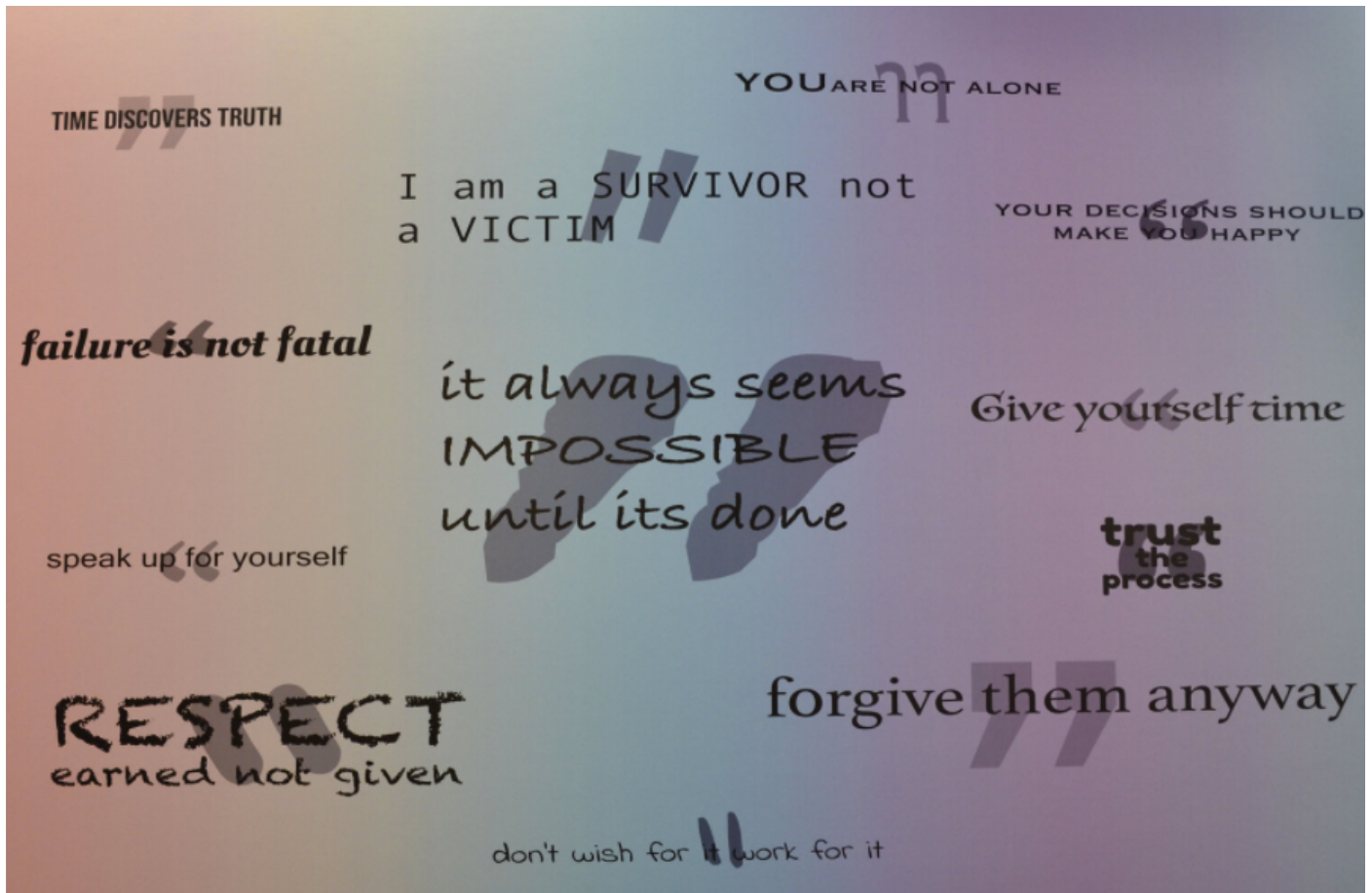
2022 Annual Report

Our Mission:

To protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

Gallery of Hope October 8, 2022

Art Speaks | Art Empowers | Art Connects | Art Heals



This and many other powerful pieces were showcased at our first annual Gallery of Hope; a platform for survivors of interpersonal violence to share their voices through art.

A Letter from our Board President Shanell Parrish-Brown



Dear Friends and Supporters of The Safe Center,

As the completion of my first full year as The Safe Center Board Chair quickly approaches, I am graciously reflective about how much has transpired in the last 12 months. I am also awed by what is actively in progress and that which is on the horizon for 2023 and beyond.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to Cindy Scott, our former Executive Director, who provided thoughtful and tireless leadership spanning 30 years of service. Cindy's careful stewardship and strategic planning culminated in a smooth and productive succession transition, which has set the agency up for success in the years to come. Likewise, I extend my thanks to Stephen Bondi, Board President Emeritus, for his mentorship and continued guidance and support as I have taken on this role.

This past year marked the end of a phenomenal era for the agency and the beginning of a new period galvanized by innovation, inspiration, and zeal for change. Under the leadership of Joshua Hanson, our new Executive Director, we have a long-range vision for the future that is augmented by his deep knowledge, experience, compassionate leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

To that end, there is so much to look forward to with excitement and pride. In fact, I believe that 2023 has catapulted us into an evolutionary era! The agency is hard at work reconfiguring historical internal processes to create efficiencies, reimagining and creating novel revenue streams like The Safe Center's Mental Health Clinic and developing inaugural fundraising opportunities like our first Annual TSCLI 5K held April 1, 2023. We are also serving even more clients and infusing new creative ways to better serve the needs of those amongst us often in the shadows, who have had no voice and often nowhere else to turn.

As you view this Annual Report, please know that The Safe Center's Board of Directors, senior leadership, and agency staff collectively, remain steadfast warriors of the agency's battle to end the cycle of abuse. I challenge all to join us in the fight!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SPB', enclosed in a large, loopy oval.

Shanell Parrish-Brown
Board President

A Letter from our Executive Director Joshua A. Hanson



Dear Friends,

This past year, 2022, was a year of exciting transitions at The Safe Center. Our long-time Executive Director Cindy Scott retired after 25 years at the helm of The Safe Center and before that the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect. I had the distinct pleasure of working alongside Cindy over the last five years and feel grateful and humbled to succeed her in the executive director role.

Cindy's legacy of leadership and innovation established The Safe Center as a state and national leader among victim service agencies. True to form, her transition away from the agency was planful and reflective of her dedication to our clients, staff, and partners. Throughout 2022, she met with me and my successor Associate Executive Director, Debbie Lyons, to ensure that the leadership handoff was a smooth one. This helped establish Debbie and I on solid footing as we begin 2023.

Our work is to honor and build on Cindy's legacy, creating an even more collaborative and integrated agency that will continue to innovate and develop comprehensive services and programs. Critical to the future of the agency is developing and diversifying funding streams. A chief component of this is the launch of The Safe Center's Mental Health Clinic with Article 31 licensure. Article 31 licensure through the NYS Office of Mental Health will allow the agency to bill third-party insurance, opening an additional funding stream previously unavailable. Resulting in significant growth of our mental health services. We will also retain grant-funded mental health services to ensure that we retain the flexibility to meet the varied needs of our community.

I am very proud of the work of the agency and want to highlight how The Safe Center's Education & Learning Department is continuing to grow and evolve. In the coming year, we will work to develop more technical training offerings for professionals and community members. The department is currently in the process of reviewing all the agency's "101" trainings to ensure that they incorporate the most current information and reflect a deeper understanding of the intersectionality inherent in interpersonal violence.

We are grateful to you, our funders and friends, for your support through this transition and as we move into a bright future. You are an integral part of our work, and we could not do it without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hanson".

Joshua A. Hanson
Executive Director

The Safe Center's Continuum of Care:

Providing services for the whole family at every stage of the healing journey

Crisis Intervention

24-Hour Fully Staffed Hotline
Emergency Safe Shelter
Emergency Room Response



Counseling

Specialized Clinicians
Individual and Group Counseling
Adult and Children's Mental Health Services



Advocacy & Legal Services

Child and Adult Victim Advocates
Legal Consultation and Representation
Court Advocates
Dedicated Case Managers



Housing and Employment

Short-term Rental Assistance
Housing Placements
Employment and Vocational Counseling



Prevention & Education

Professional and Community Trainings
School Based Prevention and Awareness Trainings
Trauma Informed Training and Consultation



Collaborative Approach

Child Advocacy Center of Nassau County
Co-Location With Partners Including Nassau County
Special Victims Squad, CPS and Nassau County DA



In 2022 we responded to more than 6,000 hotline calls and served 4,349 clients. Our programs and services continue to serve as a beacon of hope for our community. We are pleased to share highlights from each of our specialized teams.

Children's Mental Health Services



- ▶ 86% of Children's Mental Health clients who were assessed demonstrated a reduction in trauma symptoms, a decreased sense of isolation and improved coping skills.
- ▶ 88% of parents/caregivers receiving ongoing services demonstrated an increased understanding of the impact of abuse on their child, increased emotional support of their child and improved communication with child.



Rapid Re-Housing & Vocational Services

- ▶ Nine families were housed with the Emergency Housing Voucher thereby diverting their need to be paired with a Rapid Re-Housing Program.
- ▶ 17 households were served by the Rapid Re-Housing Program.
- ▶ 25 individuals secured employment with support from our vocational specialist.

Education & Training



- ▶ Educators conducted 1,331 trainings in our community attended by 42,319 people.
- ▶ We have 30 dedicated volunteers providing Child Abuse Prevention trainings.



“
The Safe Center has always been the most helpful and easiest to navigate.
-Client & Survivor”

Did you know?

Unlike other Child Advocacy Centers most of our Multi-Disciplinary Team partners are located on site at The Safe Center to provide a comprehensive and collaborative response. Children and families get the benefit of having both the investigative partners and the service providers working together and able to provide immediate support.



Forensics

- ▶ The Nassau County Child Advocacy Center at The Safe Center served over 900 children in 2022.

“

The Safe Center helped me, educated me, set me up with goals to make my own life, and trusted me.

-Client & Survivor

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Advocacy & Case Management



- More than 185 survivors were referred to the Adult Victim Advocacy Program.
- A new position of Rape & Sexual Assault Case Manager was created to provide wraparound case management services to adult survivors of rape & sexual assault who are navigating multiple systems or have chronic needs.
- Our hospital advocates provided support to over 140 survivors in Nassau County's emergency rooms throughout 2022.

Did you know?

Our SAFER (Survivor Advocate for Emergency Response) responds to all emergency rooms in Nassau County.



A class of SAFER volunteers after finishing their 30 hours of training along with our Director of Advocacy and Case Management Services.

Domestic Violence Counseling



- ▶ 38% more domestic violence survivors participated in groups than in the prior year.

“ This was life changing for me and really helped me be okay with myself.
-Counseling Client ”

Legal Services



- ▶ Our Legal Department provided services to 237 clients.
- ▶ 176 clients received court advocacy services.

Human Trafficking Services



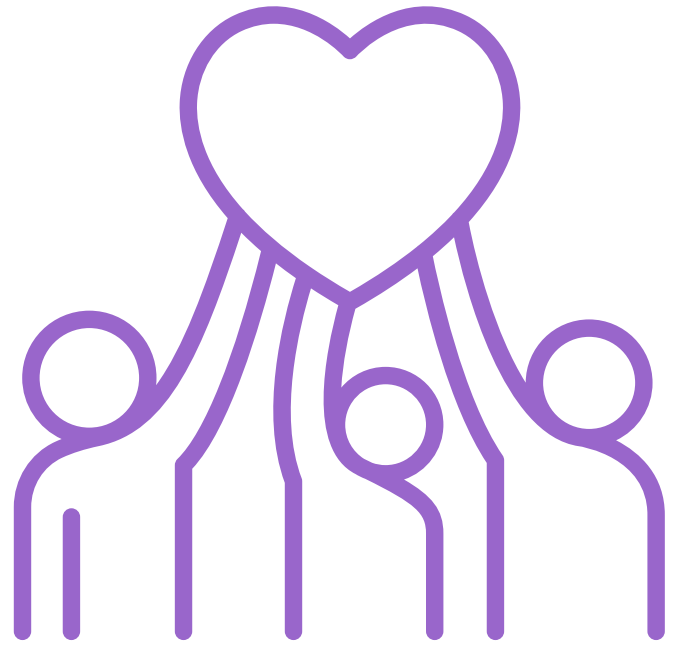
- ▶ This team provided services to 107 clients.

Did you know?

When Nassau County Police respond to a domestic violence call, they will let the victim know that the report is shared with us. Then our hotline team will call them to introduce our agency and available services, making us not only reactive but proactive.

Did you know?

The Safe Center has a Trauma-Informed Care Department dedicated to ensuring that we are always evaluating our practices to be trauma-informed and help staff prevent and minimize vicarious trauma.



Rape & Sexual Assault Services



► We expanded our service profile to include two art therapists.

“ Art Therapy assists survivors of sexual assault by tapping into the non-verbal traumatic memory through visual means of communication. Through art projections, survivors are able to have physical representations of their inner child and disowned parts to witness, hold, and transform.

-Janine Sadowski, LCSW-R, CASAC

Director of Rape & Sexual Assault Services

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“ The Safe Center boosted my morale and made me want to live...Staff made me feel like I was worth it; They saved me. I don't know where I would be without The Safe Center. ”
-Client & Survivor

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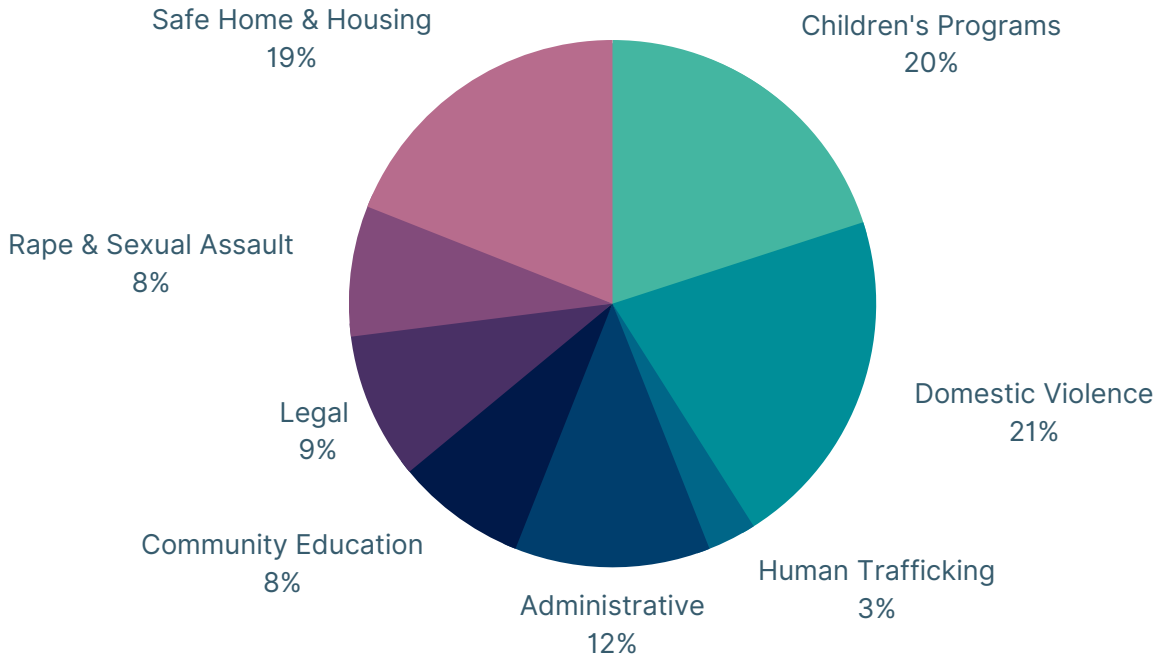
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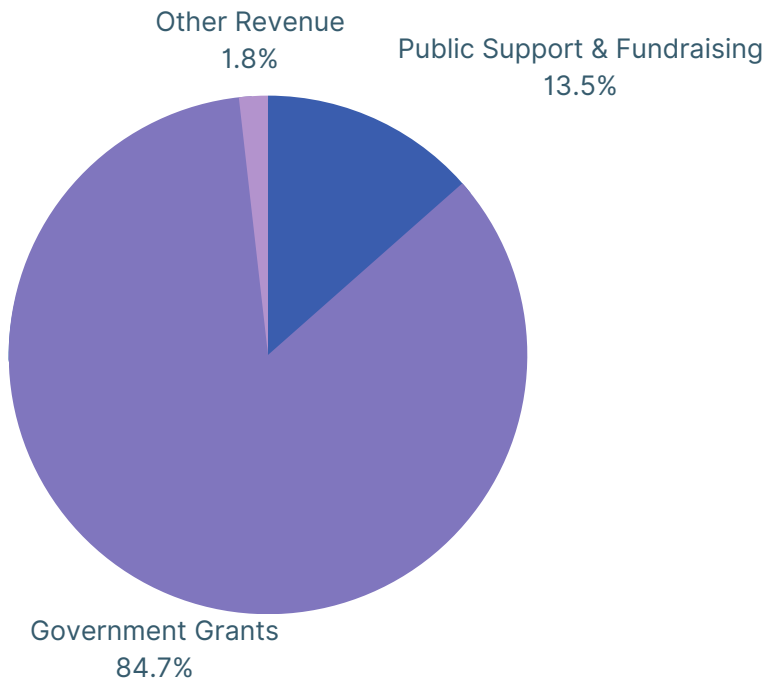
Development Administrator



Spending/Expenses by Program Area



Income by Funding Source



To view a full copy of our audited financial statement scan the QR code or visit tscli.org/about/finances/



Ways to Give

Get involved & help restore hope for victims of abuse.



Make A Monetary Donation

You can donate online by scanning the QR code or by sending a check made payable to The Safe Center to:
The Safe Center
15 Grumman Road West, Suite 1000
Bethpage, NY 11714

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Our Client Services Team collects items for use by our clients and Safe Home residents. Raffle and Auction Item donations can also be made to support our fundraising efforts.



Corporate Partnerships

Your company can have a lasting impact through The Safe Center's Corporate Partnership Program. Opportunities include sponsorships, retail campaigns, events, matching gifts, and employee engagement.



Monthly & Annual Giving

Your ongoing and consistent commitment to supporting our organization allows us to budget and plan.



Sponsor or Attend a Fundraising Event

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A fundraiser is a great way to get help The Safe Center. Get your school, office, community, or friends & family together for a great cause. The Safe Center Team will partner with you to make it a success!



Interested?

Contact the Development Department at 516.465.4748 or fill out an interest form by scanning the QR code.